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AMA Statement on House Ways and Means Committee “Surprise” Billing Legislation

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“The American Medical Association appreciates the bipartisan efforts of the Ways and Means Committee to protect patients from unanticipated medical bills.

“We support the underlying mechanism for resolving these disputes, including the eligibility of all disputed claims for negotiation and mediation. We also appreciate that the mediator must consider a wide range of supporting information submitted by physicians in rendering a final determination.

“We look forward to continuing to work with the committee and others to refine the legislation to ensure that it will achieve our shared goals of protecting patients and providing for a process that is fair to all.”

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